

Belknap County Delegation Meeting Minutes
Aug 1, 2022 at 7:00 PM- Emergency Meeting
Gunstock Mountain Lodge

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Rep. Bean, who noted that this was an emergency meeting and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bean stated that the Delegation would not be taking public comments during the meeting.

Motion: Hough to appoint Harvey-Bolia as acting secretary.

Second: Bordes

No discussion

Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No - Motion PASSED

Motion: Rep. Hough motioned to allow Rep. Lang to participate remotely.

Second: O'Hara

No discussion

Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No - Motion PASSED

Harvey-Bolia called the roll.

Members in attendance: Reps Bean, Hough, Harvey-Bolia, Lang (electronically), Ploszaj, O'Hara, Bordes, Littlefield, Trottier, and Mackie

Absent: Sylvia, Aldrich, Silber, Comtois, Johnson, Terry, Varney

Rep. Bean verified that ten members are present, constituting a quorum of the Delegation.

Motion: Hough to appoint Harry Bean acting chair

Second: Ploszaj

No discussion

Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No – Motion PASSED

Motion: Littlefield to appoint Hough as acting vice-chair

Second: O'Hara

No discussion

Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No Motion PASSED

Motion: Hough to move to change the order of the agenda to 1: Accept the resignation of Gunstock Area Commissioners Ness and Kiedaisch. 2. To appoint a new commissioner to the GAC, and 3. Any other urgent business required to open Gunstock Mountain Resort.

Second: Littlefield

No discussion

Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No- Motion PASSED

Motion: Hough to accept the resignations of Commissioners Ness and Kiedaisch.

Second: Trottier

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No Discussion

Vote:10 Yes, 0-No – Motion PASSED

Hough motions To Appoint a new Gunstock Area Commissioner to the GAC, the appointment to expire in Nov, 2023. The process will be explained by Rep. Bean.

Second: O'Hara

No discussion.

Vote: 10 Yes, 0- No – Motion PASSED

Rep. Bean explained that applicants had two minutes to deliver a speech to the Delegation. Votes will be taken after the speeches. The Delegation called upon the following applicants for Gunstock Commissioner:

Michael Newhall- not present.

Dan Calmurton- not present

Denise Conroy- Ms. Conroy of Alton made a brief presentation and answered questions of a general nature from the delegation. Conroy disclosed that her husband is a ski instructor at Gunstock. She is new to the area but she has extensive experience in marketing.

Rick Hassler- Mr. Hassler made a brief presentation and answered questions of a general nature from the delegation. Mr. Hassler said he does not know the upper management.

Michelle Cardona-Flanders-not present

Angelo Farruggia- made a brief presentation and answered questions of a general nature from the delegation. He stated he does not have any ties to Gunstock employees.

Chuck Mitchell-not present

Charles Bradford-not present

Bob Durfee - made a brief presentation and answered questions of a general nature from the delegation. He is a former Gunstock Area commissioner. Durfee is an engineer and works on Dubois and King engineering projects. He is the lead structural engineer and has recused himself when appropriate during past GAC votes.

John Lowell- of Center Harbor, made a brief presentation and answered questions of a general nature from the delegation.

Andrew Howe- of Gilford, a groomer at Gunstock made a brief presentation and answered questions of a general nature from the delegation. He has known Tom Day for over 30 years.

Dick Tapply- former Gunstock Manager, made a brief presentation and answered questions of a general nature from the delegation. He withdrew his application due to a conflict of interest.

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Votes were taken by roll call for the GAC appointment:

5 votes for D. Conroy

4 votes for Durfee

1 vote for John Lowell

Round 2:

7 votes for Denise Conroy

3 votes for B. Durfee

Rep. Bean swore in Denise Conroy as the new Gunstock Area Commissioner. A notary public stamped her appointment paperwork.

Motion: Hough moved to accept David Strang's resignation from the Gunstock Areas Commission.

Second: Trottier seconded.

Discussion: Hough explained that during the GAC meeting of July 31, 2022, Comm. Strang stated that he would resign under the condition that the GAC had a quorum with which to do their business. Hough added that with the appointment of a new GAC Commissioner, the condition of resignation is fulfilled and Strang's resignation could be accepted.

Roll call vote: 9 Yes, 1 No, Motion PASSED.

Rep. Bean recognized Littlefield for a statement. Littlefield made a general statement commending those who worked for a resolution in the struggle to re-open Gunstock.

Rep. Bean made a statement of appreciation to Delegation members and Gunstock staff for their work.

Motion: Hough moved to adjourn.

Second: Trottier

Vote: Yes- Unanimous voice vote

A true copy, I attest.

Rep. Juliet Harvey-Bolia, Secretary